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ARCHIVES TO HOST SCREENING OF THE 1941 FILM SERGEANT YORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Montgomery, AL (5/29/18) – On Friday, **June 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm**, the Alabama Department of Archives and History will host a screening of the 1941 film *Sergeant York* in its Joseph M. Farley Alabama Power Auditorium. The screening is presented in conjunction with the ADAH's summer symposium *Over There/Over Here: Alabama in World War I* on June 8-9, 2018, at the ADAH.

The award-winning film is based on the life of Alvin York, one of the most decorated American soldiers of World War I. Based on York's memoirs, the classic film stars Gary Cooper as the prize-winning Tennessee marksman who finds himself torn between his non-violent beliefs and his desire to serve his country when recruited to fight in the Great War. The highest grossing film of 1941, *Sergeant York* was nominated for eleven Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Cooper won the Academy Award for Best Actor for his role in the film.

Admission to the screening is free. Concessions will be available to purchase from Chris' Hot Dogs and Waterfront Sweets.

For more information about the screening or the symposium, visit www. archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 353-4689.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, and the second Saturday of every month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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